MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the date on which the draft rules were published in the Gazette?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): July 1935.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the reason why the rules were not finally passed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I submitted the draft rules to Government and the Government referred the rules to their law officers which resulted in some new proposals. The references between the law officers, the Government and the Excise Commissioner take time.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Government have ascertained the approximate extent of land suitable for tobacco cultivation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): We have not ascertained the extent of land. But we know there is land suitable for tobacco cultivation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether he has ascertained the causes that have led to the fall in revenue?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I think, I have answered that question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, the Excise Commissioner has said that it was due to a number of causes. My question is whether the Excise Commissioner has ascertained the causes that has led to the fall in revenue?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, the causes which I have mentioned were found out as a result of enquiry.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know from the member whether the number of smuggling cases detected is on the increase or decrease?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): They are on the ncrease. This is due to the economic depression. More people are taking to the smuggling of tobacco from Cochin to Travancore.

Collection of fees in Schools.

49. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether fees in Sirkar schools are being collected in British rupees, annas, pies or in Sirkar rupees, chackrams, cash;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, in any aided school in the State, fees are being collected in British rupees, annas, pies; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, will they be pleased to ascertain whether any aided school in the State is collecting school fees in British rupees, annas, pies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Both.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from Government whether school fees fixed for particular classes do vary in aided schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The school fees fixed for departmental schools and the private schools follow the same rate. The private schools usually follow the same rate but in some cases long established practice or usage allows them to levy fees slightly different from the fixed rate.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With regard to part (*a*) of the answer may I know from the member whether he refers to kind or amount?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have answered the question with reference to coin.

Cattle Farms.

50. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any cattle farms in the State maintained by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, how many and where?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Only one. The Cattle Farm at Trivandrum.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know the number of cattle kept in the Cattle Farm?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There are 57 head of cattle of various breeds.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): When was the Cattle Farm started?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): About 24 years ago.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether the Cattle Farm is maintained for demonstration only?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is one of the objects.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether the Cattle Farm exists as a Cattle Farm or a Dairy Farm?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It exists as a Cattle Farm and as a Dairy Farm?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Then what is the meaning in saying that it is a Cattle Farm?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It serves also the purpose of a Cattle Farm.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandram—Rural*): May I know from the member whether the Government make a distinction between a Cattle Farm and a Dairy Farm?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They do make a distinction. Originally it was mainly a Cattle Farm, now it is run as a Dairy Farm.

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